>Title: Regarding natural calamity in West Bengal and Orissa on 24 March, 1998. 12.49 hrs.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE): Sir, with your permission, I would like to make a brief statement on the natural calamity in West Bengal and Orissa.

Hon. Members may be aware of the devastation caused by the severe local weather phenomena known as Nor'wester or "Kal Baisakhi" which hit the coastal areas of West Bengal and Orissa, particularly the districts of Midnapore and Balasore, last night. Reports reaching us indicate that about hundred persons including children have lost their precious lives and a large number of people have been rendered homeless. We express our heartfelt sympathies to the people of the affected areas, specially those who have suffered bereavement and loss of property.

Considering the gravity of the calamity, I have already deputed a high level team consisting of the Minister of State for Agriculture, Shri Som Pal, and two Members of Parliament to tour the affected areas for getting a first-hand report.

I have also released Rs. 1 crore out of the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for providing immediate relief to the families of those who have lost their lives or who have suffered injuries. In addition, the Government is making an advance release of Rs. 10.20 crore to Orissa and Rs. 10.60 crore to West Bengal towards the Central Government's share of the Calamity Relief Fund.

The Government is awaiting reports from the State Governments giving details of the loss of life and the magnitude of the damage caused. As soon as the reports of the State Governments are received, further necessary relief would be provided.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, I want to raise one query.

MR. SPEAKER: Let us now take up the next item, that is, papers to be laid on the Table. Shri Ram Naik.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Let the papers be laid.

">SHRI MUKUL WASNIK (BULDHANA): Sir, in view of the grave situation in the State, the Government should immediately send a team headed by a Minister of State to visit all the affected places and to find out for itself the extent of damage done.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, we want to know as to who those two Members are.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I will hear you later. First, let us take the item of papers to be laid on the Table.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Mr. Prime Minister, who are those two Members who have been sent to West Bengal and Orissa?

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated.

SHRI ACHARIA BASUDEB (BANKURA): Who are those two Members of Parliament?

MR. SPEAKER: When the Speaker is on his legs, you are supposed to sit. Please be seated.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: What is this? I am on my legs, please be seated.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (PANSKURA): We would like to know as to who those two Members are.

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (BOLPUR): I want to speak. ... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I will allow you later.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, I want to seek one clarification from the Prime Minister, that is, who those two Members are.

SHRI ANIL BASU (ARAMBAGH): We just want to know as to who those two Members are.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I will give time to you. Please be seated.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: The Members are requested to please be seated. I will allow you. This is not good. I am on my legs, please be seated.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: This is not good, please be seated. I will allow you. This is not good.

... (Interruptions)

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : No. Please take your seats.

... (Interruptions)

12.55 hrs.

At this stage, Shri Anil Basu and some other hon. Members came

and stood on the floor near the Table.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Please go back to your seats.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Please go back to your seats.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : This is not good. Please go back to your seats.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Please be seated.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : It is unfortunate that you are not taking your seats. How can you expect anything to be said if you do not take your seats? No. It is not good.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : You must give respect to the Chair.

12.58 hrs.

(At this stage, Shri Anil Basu and some other hon. Members

went back to their seats.)

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : The Home Minister will address now.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : The Home Minister would like to speak now. The Prime Minister is on his legs.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : It is not good. Please be seated. The Prime Minister is on his legs.

13.00 hrs.

MR. SPEAKER : The Prime Minister is on his legs.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : If you do like this, it is not good. Please be seated.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI RAJESH PILOT (DAUSA): Please listen to us...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : It is not good. When I am on my legs, please be seated.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : What is this? When I am on my legs, please be seated.

... (Interruptions)

">SHRI RAJESH PILOT : Sir, I have a submission to make. Please listen to us first. He has mentioned the problems. Let the hon. Prime Minister reply...(Interruptions) You are not listening to us and you are asking us to listen to the Prime Minister. This is not correct.

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Rajesh Pilot, you know all the procedures. First, please be seated. What is this? This is not good.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Will you first sit down? This is not good.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI R.S. GAWAI (AMRAVATI): Sir, I have got a point of order...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : No. You are not supposed to talk like this. First, please be seated.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (LUCKNOW)

प्रधान मंत्री (श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी): अध्यक्ष महोदय, मुझे स्थिति को स्पष्ट करने का मौका दें।

... (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय आज सवेरे जब मुझे इस प्राकृतिक प्रकोप का समाचार मिला तो मैंने सबसे पहले श्री इन्द्रजीत गुप्त से सम्पर्क किया, क्योंकि वह मिदनापुर से लोकसभा के प्रतिनिधि हैं। मैंने उनसे कहा कि हम एक प्रतिनिधि मंडल भेजना चाहते हैं आप उसमें जाएं तो अच्छा होगा। मगर उन्होंने आज जाने में अपनी असमर्थता प्रकट कर दी।

... (व्यवधान)

">SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (BOLPUR): There is another Member of Parliament, Shri Sudhir Giri, from Contai. His constituency has seriously been affected. Could you ever try to find out from him?... (Interruptions) Could you ever try to find out from the other Member?...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : This is not good. When the Prime Minister is on his legs, please be seated.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (LUCKNOW)

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी: पार्लियामेंट के जो मेम्बर हैं उनमें एक बालासोर के मेम्बर हैं। बालासोर भी तूफान से प्रभावित हुआ है। पश्चिम बंगाल के मेम्बर भी हैं, उनका नाम कुमारी ममता बनर्जी है।

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (BOLPUR): How was she selected?...(Interruptions)

13.04 hrs.

(At this stage, Shri Ram Chandra Dome and some other hon. Members came

and stood on the floor near the Table.)

MR. SPEAKER : Please go back go your seats. This is not good.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please go back to your seats.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: First, all of you should go back to your seats.

13.05 hrs.

(At this stage, Shri Ram Chandra Dome and some other hon. Members

went back to their seats.)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (BOLPUR): Is this the way you conduct the House? I am requesting you to give me an opportunity because my State is suffering, Orissa is suffering. I deeply appreciate that you are making a reference to it. I appreciate the Prime Minister's statement. But it is a very serious matter that in a matter of natural calamity, this Government is practising politics...(Interruptions)

SHRI HARIN PATHAK (AHMEDABAD): We had informed your leader. The Prime Minister had informed Shri Indrajit Gupta but you did not respond...(Interruptions)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (BOLPUR): Although I appreciate that he has taken steps, yet the way he has done it shows that he is trying to play dirty politics and that too on a natural calamity. Therefore, I walk out in protest.

13.07 hrs.

(At this stage, Shri Somnath Chatterjee and some other

hon. Members left the House.)

SHRI MUKUL WASNIK (BULDANA)

श्री मुकुल वासनिक (बुलढाना): आप आम सहमति की बात करते हैं लेकिन अगर आप इस तरह से बर्ताव करेंगे तो सदन नहीं चल सकता।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI AJIT JOGI (RAIGARH)

श्री अजीत जोगी (रायगढ़): इतनी बड़ी दैविक आपत्ति आई है और आप इस पर इस तरह से व्यवहार कर रहे हैं।

... (व्यवधान)

*m05

श्री शरद पवार (बारामती): अध्यक्ष जी, यह लोग आम सहमति की बात कहते हैं, इसलिए इन्हें आम सहमति और संसद के सदस्यों को साथ लेने की आवश्यकता थी। लेकिन इन्होंने जो व्यवहार किया है वह आम सहमति वाला व्यवहार बिल्कुल नहीं है, आम सहमति को दर्शाने वाली नीति नहीं है। अगर यह इस तरह से व्यवहार करेंगे तो मुझे विश्वास है कि हम लोगों को इनके साथ आम सहमति रखना बड़ा मुश्किल होगा।

13.08 hrs.

(Shri SharadPawar and some other Members then left the House)

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Panja, please be seated. I will give you a chance later.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (MADURAI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am on a point of order. It is a matter of urgent public importance. The Home Minister is also here.

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down. I will give you a chance.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Please listen to my point of order. I have given you a notice... (Interruptions)... Attack on the Press freedom is a very important issue... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Subramanian Swamy, please sit down. I will give you a chance to speak after the items in the List of Business are over.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is as per your Directions. May I read out from your Directions that after the Papers are laid on the Table, it is the time for point of order... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I will give you a chance later.

SHRI HARIN PATHAK: But Papers are yet to be laid, Sir... (Interruptions)

">SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA (CALCUTTA NORTH-EAST): Sir, I only want to know whether the Chief Minister of West Bengal and his Cabinet have gone to the spot or not. They have not gone there. They have got two helicopters... (Interruptions)...

Mamata Banerjee has gone there... (Interruptions)... But here, they have gone for lunch. They are hungry.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

Now, Papers to be laid.

13.12 hrs.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NAIK): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:-

13.12hrs.

DEPARTMENTALLY RELATED STANDING COMMITTEES -- A REVIEW

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each of the Hindi and English versions of the `Departmentally Related Standing Committees (1996-97) -- A Review.'

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (MADURAI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I raise my point of order?... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Now, we take up item no. 5 -- The Interim Budget (Railways).

The hon. Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI LALU PRASAD (MADHEPURA)

श्री लालू प्रसाद यादव (मधेपुरा) : वहां पर सदन की एक कमेटी भेजिए।

... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: I am calling Shri Nitish Kumar.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Sir, the point of order has to be taken up now... (Interruptions)

13.13 hrs. (At this stage Shri Surendra Yadav and some other Hon. members came and stood on the floor near the Table)

MR. SPEAKER: Please go to your seats first. I am asking the leaders to take their Members to their seats.

... (Interruptions)

13.14 hrs.

(At this stage Shri Surendra Yadav and some other members went back to their seats)

MR. SPEAKER: Now, Shri Nitish Kumar.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (MADURAI): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am on a point of order... (Interruptions)

SHRI KASHIRAM RANA (SURAT)

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री काशीराम राणा) : आप बाद में बोलिये।

DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (MADURAI)

श्री सुब्रहमण्यम स्वामी : बजट के बाद नहीं बोल सकते।

MR. SPEAKER: Now, I am calling Shri Nitish Kumar and not you. Please be seated.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY :I have given you the notice.

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the point of order has to come before this. I have given you the notice... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: We will go according to the List of Business.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : No business can come before a Point of Order.

MR. SPEAKER: We will hear you later.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : You said that you would allow my Point of Order.

MR. SPEAKER: There is no Point of Order. This is not a business item. At this stage there is no point of order.

SHRI AJIT JOGI (RAIGARH): You have to hear the Point of Order and give your ruling on that.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT (DAUSA)

श्री राजेश पायलट (दौसा): अध्यक्ष महोदय, माननीय प्रधान मंत्री जी यहां पर बैठे हैं। आप किसानों की बात लें। आज राजस्थान के आठ जिलों में किसान मर गया है। वहां सैंट्रल टीम भेजने की घोषणा प्रधान मंत्री जी कर दें। राजस्थान सरकार छः सौ रुपये हैक्टेअर के हिसाब से दे रही है। किसानों का हाल क्या हो गया है। आज सारे सांसद इस बात को उठा रहे हैं। आप यह आश्वासन दे दें कि राजस्थान में सैंट्रल टीम भेज रहे हैं। आप सैंट्रल टीम भेजने के लिए तैयार क्यों नहीं हो रहे हैं? आज राजस्थान और महाराष्ट्र में दो टीमें भिजवा दीजिए। इन राज्यों के बारे में आप कुछ करिये।

MR. SPEAKER: I am calling upon Shri Subramanian Swamy only.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : It is about the central team for the survey. The Prime Minister is responding... (Interruptions)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : I am on Rule 376...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I have called upon Shri Subramanian Swamy. Please be seated.

SHRI MOHAN SINGH (DEORIA)

श्री मोहन सिंह (देवरिया): अध्यक्ष महोदय, उत्तर प्रदेश का भी यही हाल है। वहां पर जबर्दस्त ओलावृष्टि हुई है। आप वहां पर भी टीम भेजिए।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : I am on Rule 376...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated. I have called upon Shri Subramanian Swamy. He has to make a Point of Order. Please be seated. This is not good.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA (JHABUA)

श्री कांति लाल भूरिया (झाबुआ): अध्यक्ष महोदय, उत्तर प्रदेश का भी यही हाल है, मध्य प्रदेश का भी यही हाल है। वहां पर एक भी पैसा नहीं पहुंचा है।

SHRI LALU PRASAD (MADHEPURA)

श्री लालू प्रसाद : अध्यक्ष महोदय, बिहार, पश्चिम बंगाल में भी यही हाल है, आप सदन की समिति बनवाइये और सैंट्रल टीम वहां भेजिये।

... (व्यवधान)

सैंट्रल टीम वहां पर भेजने के लिए आप सुन लीजिए।...(

Interruptiions)

MR. SPEAKER: I will allow you later.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI SHARAD PAWAR (BARAMATI): You may please allow him after Shri Subramanian Swamy.

MR. SPEAKER: I will allow him.

...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I will allow you later. Let him mention his point of order.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : You may assure them that you will call them turn by turn...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: This is not good. I have allowed Shri Subramanian Swamy.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Sir, I am an orderly member of the House. I am at a disadvantage... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I have allowed Shri Subramanian Swamy only.

SHRI LALU PRASAD (MADHEPURA)

श्री लालू प्रसाद : मेरा नाम लालू प्रसाद है,ठठयादव'' नहीं।

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : I am on Rule 376, Sub-sections (1) and (2)...(Interruptions)

SHRI LALU PRASAD (MADHEPURA)

श्री लालू प्रसाद : आप ऑल पार्टी के लोगों की टीम वहां भेजें।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI MOHAN SINGH (DEORIA)

श्री मोहन सिंह : चूंकि वहां प्राकृतिक आपदा आई है और उत्तर प्रदेश में ओलावृष्टि से भारी हानि हुई है।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI LALU PRASAD (MADHEPURA)

श्री लालू प्रसाद (मधेपुरा): सब पार्टियों के लोगों की टीम वहां भेजनी चाहिए। ... (व्यवधान)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Mr. Speaker, I have the permission of Shri Laloo Yadav also.

SHRI LALU PRASAD (MADHEPURA)

श्री लालू प्रसाद : मैं 'लालू यादव' नहीं, 'लालू प्रसाद यादव' हूं।

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Yes, Laloo Prasad Yadav.

मुझे तो लालू जी का प्रसाद चाहिए!

Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am on a point of order under Rule 376, sub-rules (1) and (2).

MR. SPEAKER: You have to address the Chair, not Shri Laloo Prasad Yadav.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : I was only making a passing reference to him. I am on a point of order to raise a very urgent matter which should have caught the attention of the House because it deals with the freedom of the Press. The Dina Malar is one of the most respected newspapers of Tamil Nadu. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: What is your point of order?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : I will explain it. Fifty goondas ... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: What is your point of order?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: This is a point of order. It was an attack by the son of the Chief Minister. The hon. Minister of Home Affairs must make a statement about the attack on the office of The Dina Malar.

MR. SPEAKER: What is your point of order?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : The point of order is that the hon. Minister of Home Affairs must make a statement when the freedom of the Press ... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : This will not go on record.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : What is your point of order?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : The point of order is that the business before the House should be a statement from the hon. Minister of Home Affairs about the attack by the son of the Chief Minister* has attacked the office of The Dina Malar. There should be a CBI inquiry into it. The hon. Minister of Home Affairs should make a statement.

MR. SPEAKER : What is your point of order?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : There is lawlessness in the State of Tamil Nadu. When there is lawlessness, either you dismiss the Government or take action. The hon. Minister of Home Affairs should assure the House that he will make a statement about the attack on the office of The Dina Malar newspaper by the son of the Chief Minister.

MR. SPEAKER : That is not a point of order.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI R.S. GAWAI (AMRAVATI): I have got every right. (Interruptions) Please bear with me for two minutes. The hon. the Prime Minister has issued a statement under the Rules of Procedure. (Interruptions) Please bear with me. I would say that he may not have got the correct information on the prevailing situation and the exact impact of the calamity. As far as the calamity in the country is concerned, I do not blame him but at the same time there has been a hue and cry from the hon. Members coming from West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. (Interruptions)

Hear me please. Mine is a relevant point. What I suggest is that we can make amendments. As a matter of fact, it is the moral and bounden duty that his statement ought to be circulated to the hon. Members. (Interruptions) I have got the right to amend it. I want to amend it, to incorporate the names of the rest of the States. I will refer to them again - Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. It should be accepted.

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* Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (LUCKNOW)

प्रधान मंत्री(श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी): अगर हम एक-एक मामले को हल करते जाएं, तो अच्छा होगा। अभी गवई साहब ने कुछ राज्यों के बारे में कहा है और मांग की है कि उन राज्यों की स्थिति के बारे में वक्तव्य दिया जाए।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV (SAMBHAL)

श्री मुलायम सिंह यादव (संभल): अध्यक्ष महोदय, सब सदस्यों को सुनने के बाद यदि प्रधान मंत्री बोलें, तो ज्यादा अच्छा होगा।

... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER : The Prime Minister is on his legs. Please listen first.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARYA (BANKURA): Mr. Prime Minister, you listen to us first. (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Please be seated.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: The Prime Minister is on his legs.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: It is not good to interrupt.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav, please be seated.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please keep silence. The Prime Minister is on his legs.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: The Prime Minister is on his legs.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: You must know the procedure.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: It is not good to interrupt.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: The Prime Minister is already on his legs.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: The Prime Minister is on his legs.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (LUCKNOW)

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी: अध्यक्ष महोदय, सारे देश में प्राकृतिक प्रकोप के कारण स्थिति बिगड़ने की बात माननीय सदस्य कह रहे हैं। कुछ जानकारी हमारे पास है, कुछ जानकारी हम तत्काल एकत्र करेंगे और उस सबका समावेश करके आपके सामने एक वक्तव्य के रूप में प्रस्तुत करेंगे जिस पर आप बाद में चर्चा कर सकते हैं।

... (व्यवधान)

सुझाव दे सकते हैं।

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav, what is your problem?

... (व्यवधान)

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श्री मुलायम सिंह यादव (संभल): अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपका बहुत आभारी हूं कि आपने मुझे बड़ी मुश्किल से बोलने का समय दिया। मैं एक बात रखना चाहता हूं। मान्यवर, आप जानते हैं कि इस सदन के माननीय सोमनाथ चटर्जी जी बहुत वरिष्ठ नेता हैं और पार्लियामेंटेरियन भी हैं। आज जो कुछ सदन में हो रहा है इस संबंध में हम लोगों ने संकल्प लिया था और छः दिन की लोकसभा भी चली थी। उसमें सबसे अहम मुद्दा यह था कि वैल में न जाया जाए। इस संकल्प का सबसे ज्यादा जोरदार समर्थन सोमनाथ चटर्जी साहब ने किया था, लेकिन आप देखें कि उनके दर्द को नहीं पहचाना गया। इसीलिए मजबूर होकर सोमनाथ चटर्जी जी जैसे एल्डर मैम्बर को भी क़ोध आया।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN (CHANDIGARH)

श्री सत्य पाल जैन (चंडीगढ़): ममता जी को भेजने में क़ोध आ गया।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV (SAMBHAL)

श्री मुलायम सिंह यादव : ममता जी का तो आपको पता चल जाएगा।

... (व्यवधान)

क्या है ममता। ममता जी हाथ जोड़ती थीं कि मुलायम सिंह जी कलकत्ता में न आएं। ... (व्यवधान)

MR. SPEAKER: Please address the Chair.

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV (SAMBHAL)

श्री मुलायम सिंह यादव : आप इनको रोकिए।

... (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय, सोमनाथ चटर्जी साहब का कहना था कि स्थानीय पार्लियामेंट के मैम्बर को भी विश्वास में लेना चाहिए था। अगर माननीय इन्द्रजीत गुप्त जी को ि वश्वास में लिया था तो गिरि साहब को भी लेना चाहिए था क्योंकि वे भी स्थानीय माननीय सांसद हैं। उनके नेता सोमनाथ चटर्जी जी भी थे। मैं मानता हूं कि प्र धानमंत्री जी अनजाने में यह कह गए होंगे, अन्यथा जरूर सोमनाथ चटर्जी जी को भी विश्वाम में लेते। पारदर्शिता की सभी बात करते हैं। हमारा आपसे अनुरोध है कि सोमनाथ चटर्जी जी की बात को गंभीरता से सुनिए और अन्य नेताओं की बात को भी सुनिए। जब हमारे देश के गांवों के किसान बर्बाद होंगे तो हमारा देश बर्बाद होगा। उत्तर प्रदेश में दो दिन पहले, परसों रात को पूरी की पूरी सौ फीसदी फसल बर्बाद हो गई। मुझे आठ जिलों की जानकारी है- आगरा, फिरोजाबाद, एटा, मैनपुरी, इटावा, कानपुर का हिस्सा, फर्रूखाबाद, इलाहाबाद।

... (व्यवधान)

मैं पूरे उत्तर प्रदेश का बता रहा हूं। जहां पर सौ फीसदी फसल ओले पड़ने के कारण बर्बाद हुई है।

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : Sir, what is he speaking on? Is he on a Point of Order or on a point of information? Is he speaking on West Bengal or on Uttar Pradesh? We want to know as to what he is speaking on? (Interruptions)

">SHRI HARIN PATHAK (AHMEDABAD): The Prime Minister has already assured the House that he will come before the House with reports on the States which are affected by natural calamities. What else do they want from him at this

stage? ....(

व्यवधान)

SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV (SAMBHAL)

श्री मुलायम सिंह यादव : अध्यक्ष महोदय, हम आपसे यह कहना चाहते हैं कि सभी नेताओं की बात को आप सुनें और माननीय गिरि जी भी लोकसभा के स्थानीय मेम्बर हैं।

श्और सोम नाथ चटर्जी को भी साथ लेकर तथा और नेताओं को साथ लेकर एक सर्वदलीय कमेटी बनाकर हिंदुस्तान के किसानों की जितनी समस्याएं हैं, उन समस्याओं के बारे में रिपोर्ट लेकर माननीय प्रधान मंत्री जी अगर ध्यान देंगे तो उन्हें सुविधा होगी। आपको भी समझने में और हमें भी सहयोग देने में सुविधा होगी - यही हमारा कहना है।

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श्री चन्द्रशेखर (बलिया) : अध्यक्ष जी, कल से नहीं बल्कि पिछले १५ दिनों से हम लोग सुनते आ रहे हैं कि देश चुनौतियों का सामना कर रहा है और आम सहमति की आवश्यकता है। लेकिन प्रारम्भ जो हुआ है वह बड़ा अशोभनीय है। सहमति कहीं दिखाई नहीं पड़ती। मुझे दुःख इस बात का है कि प्राकृतिक आपदा जैसी स्थिति पर भी हम लोग उलझ जाते हैं। उलझन सुलझ जाती अगर आप बड़ी कृपापूर्वक एक-दो लोगों की बात सुन लेते। यह बात सही है कि आप इस पद पर नये हैं लेकिन हमारे पार्लियामेंटरी अफेयर्स के मिनिस्टर बिल्कुल पुराने हैं। इस सदन की परम्परा को वह जानते हैं। सोमनाथ चटर्जी अगर खड़े होते हैं तो हमारे शर्माजी को नियम की बात नहीं उठानी चाहिए थी। नियम क्या हैं ? केवल नियमों से सदन चलाना चाहेंगे तो सदन नहीं चलेगा। इसलिए एक दूसरे की भा वनाओं को भी समझने की जरुरत है।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA (OUTER DELHI)

श्री कृष्ण लाल शर्मा (बाहरी दिल्ली): मैंने तो कोई बात उठाई नहीं है।

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR (BALLIA)

श्री चन्द्रशेखर : मैं यह कह रहा था कि अगर किसी सदस्य के इलाके में कोई हादसा हुआ है तो उससे सरकार को पूछना चाहिए था। अगर वह सदस्य नहीं था तो उस पार्टी के नेता से पूछना चाहिए था। यह सरकार की भूल है। यह काम प्रधान मंत्री का नहीं है। यह काम उस विभाग का है जिस विभाग के जरिये और मैं समझता हूं वह कृषि मंत्रालय है जो शायद इस काम को देखता है। मुझे ठीक से मालूम नहीं है। मैं नहीं जानता कि किस तरह से किन-किन लोगों ने इस डेलीगेशन को तय किया है। यह एक भयंकर भूल है। उस भूल को स्वीकार करना भी कभी-कभी जरूरी होता है।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI HARIN PATHAK (AHMEDABAD)

श्री हरिन पाठक : मेरे क्षेत्र में जो कैलेमिटी हुई थी मुझे तो पता तक नहीं था,

I went there on my own. ... (Interruptions) Nobody has contacted me. ... (Interruptions)

एक बार मेरे अहमदाबाद में कैलेमिटी हुई।

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI (JHANSI)

श्री राजेन्द्र अग्निहोत्री (झांसी) : क्षमा कीजिएगा, वह भूल नहीं है। आप आम सहमति की बात कर रहे हैं लेकिन जो हाउस में अमेंडमेंट था वह भी पूरा नहीं करने दिया गया

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (BOLPUR): Hon. Member is interrupting. ... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I am allowing Shri Chandra Shekhar, not you.

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR (BALLIA)

श्री चन्द्रशेखर : आप इस शोर से न मुझे गुस्सा दिला सकते हैं और न मुझे चुप करा सकते हैं। मैं केवल यही निवेदन करूंगा कि अभी मुलायम सिंह जी ने जो सुझाव दिया है सरकार सम्मानपूर्वक और शिष्टाचारपूर्वक उसको स्वीकार करे और ऐसा माहौल तैयार बनाए कि सदन में ऐसी विपदाओं पर कम से कम हम सहमति का रास्ता निकाल सकें।

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Mr. Speaker, Sir, ... (Interruptions)

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA (CALCUTTA NORTH EAST): Allow us to speak. ... (Interruptions)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : He has called me to speak. ... (Interruptions)

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, allow us also.

MR. SPEAKER: He has been allowed to speak. Please sit down.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Sir, I myself complimented the hon. Prime Minister for taking prompt action. This is a matter which cannot be a matter of politics. I hope not. I sincerely hope not. Now, when the hon. Prime Minister has taken the steps of sending a Central Minister immediately to go to the affected areas to personally supervise or personally inspect what has happened and the extent of damage. We appreciate it. I said it openly. I am not objecting to any particular Member going when you have decided to send Members of Parliament, obviously for the purpose of assisting the people and the Minister also. Therefore, on what basis, selection is made.

14.00 hrs.

You can send anybody you like. But if the concerned M.P. is not selected what is the message that goes? Therefore, I had requested that this is a matter of natural calamity which should not be made a subject of politics. The selection of the hon. Members of Parliament who have gone - only one name we have got, the other name we have not got yet - shows that it has been done on political basis. Therefore, my only request was that it was graceful on the part of the Prime Minister to have accepted my request.

We have been told that we have now got an able Prime Minister. I know him from 1971, I have the good fortune of knowing both, the illustrious number one and number two Division number holders, the Prime Minister and Shri Advani. It is my great pleasure to know them. This is a matter on which he should have openly said `yes'.

I am glad that he has consulted Shri Indrajit Gupta. But if he is trying to run this House totally ignoring the presence of the largest group from West Bengal, then, I think, the Prime Minister is committing a mistake. He should openly admit what Shri Chandra Shekhar has said. The Prime Minister has committed a mistake. Be gracious to accept that and say that he has been impressed by his immediate political motive because the Confidence Vote is yet to be taken up. That is why he is applying certain standards.

Therefore, I hope, Mr. Prime Minister, accepts that position. Of course, I cannot ask my Member to be sent by another plane. No doubt, he will go, but the question is: the facility of accompanying a Minister going there immediately is lost to the Member and everybody says: `Look at the concern of other Members and the Member of the Constituency has no concern'. This is the way he is trying to utilise a natural calamity for his political benefit. Therefore, I cannot but protest against that. (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: I am allowing Shri Ajit Kumar Panja, not you.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA : We must thank our Prime Minister for quickly sending all help to the affected areas, Orissa and West Bengal. There were no politics in it. Immediately we came to know about it, we contacted on our own. If they slip there, it is their fault. It is not anybody's fault. (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: Please listen to him.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : This is the consensus your partners are saying. (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: Please listen.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA : Sir, you please ask them to sit down. They cannot stop me. (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: Please understand that when Shri Somnath Chatterjee was speaking, Shri Panja heard without disturbing him. You also hear what Shri Panja is saying.

... (Interruptions)

DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME (BIRBHUM): Those words should be withdrawn from the records. (Interruptions).

SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE (BERHAMPORE) (WB): Shri Panja should withdraw those words. (Interruptions).

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">SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (PANSKURA): Shri Indrajit Gupta is rushing to his constituency this evening. (Interruptions). Earlier, the Prime Minister gave him only half an hour's notice to go. Naturally, he could not make it in half an hour. (Interruptions).

MR. SPEAKER: Madam, please go to your seat. This is not good.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : I have requested you to allow me to raise this subject. (Interruptions).

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: This is not good.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated. When Shri Somnath Chatterjee was speaking, Shri Panja heard him patiently. Now you must also hear him.

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: This is not good. Please be seated.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI ANIL BASU (ARAMBAGH): Sir, what Shri Panja has said is unparliamentary. It should be removed from the record.... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: I shall go through the record. If there is anything unparliamentary, I shall remove it...

... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record. I have allowed Shri Panja.

(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record. Only what Shri Panja says will go on record.

(Interruptions)* ----------

* Not Recorded

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA : Then the Prime Minister contacted Shri Indrajit Gupta who represents Midnapore. Therefore, Sir, you must make an inquiry immediately whether anybody from West Bengal has gone to the spot. I know that nobody from the Government of West Bengal, not even the Chief Minister, has gone there. Since yesterday nobody has visited the spot. But the Prime minister took the trouble of sending his Minister there. By the normal flight, anybody could have gone there but nobody has gone. They saw the newspapers when they got up.

I request the Prime Minister to consider giving further aid to West Bengal after getting a report from the Minister and Shrimati Mamata Banerjee.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (LUCKNOW)

प्रधानमंत्री (श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, आदरणीय चन्द्रशेखर जी ने और मेरे मित्र श्री सोमनाथ चटर्जी ने जो कुछ कहा है, मैं उससे सहमत हूं। ... (व्यवधान)

प्राकृतिक प्रकोप के मामले में राजनीति नहीं होनी चाहिए, न राजनीति लाने का हमारा इरादा है। जो कुछ हुआ है, अगर उसमें आपको राजनीति दिखाई देती है तो वह मेरी गलती है, मैं उसे स्वीकार करता हूं।

जब मैंने कृषि मंत्री को तत्काल आपदाग्रस्त क्षेत्र में जाने के लिए कहा तो मैं समझता था कि मिदनापुर के क्षेत्र का प्रतिनिधित्व श्री इंद्रजीत गुप्त करते हैं और इसलिए मैंने उनसे तत्काल संपर्क किया। अगर मेरे मन में राजनीति होती तो उन्हें संपर्क करने की क्या ज़रूरत थी और अगर मुझे पता होता कि चार और भी सदस्य उस क्षेत्र से जुड़े हुए हैं तो मैं उन्हें भी भेज सकता था। अगर वह जाना चाहें तो हम अभी प्रबंध करने के लिए तैयार हैं। लेकिन ऐसा जान-बूझकर नहीं किया गया।

... (व्यवधान)

बालासोर के सदस्य आ गये, कुमारी ममता बनर्जी आ गईं। उनका कहना है कि अगर कृषि मंत्री जा रहे हैं तो मैं जाना चाहती हूं।

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE (BOLPUR)

श्री सोमनाथ चटर्जी : उसको कैसे मालूम हुआ कि स्पेशल प्लेन जा रहा है।

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (LUCKNOW)

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : मैंने कहा आप जाइये, लेकिन

... (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय, अब मैं एक बात चंद्रशेखर जी से कहना चाहूंगा

... (व्यवधान)

SHRI ANIL BASU : Sir, I represent a part of Midnapore district. You have not informed me. ...(Interruptions)

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA : Sir, let Shri Somnath Chatterjee go with the hon. Minister of Home Affairs Shri L.K. Advani now. ...(Interruptions)

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (LUCKNOW)

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयीः कौन क्या बोल रहा है

... (व्यवधान)

आप बैठिये। ... (व्यवधान) अध्यक्ष महोदय, जैसा मैं निवेदन कर रहा था कि जान-बूझकर किसी की उपेक्षा की जाए या राजनीति खेली जाए इसका विचार मेरे मन से कोसों दूर है। ४० साल प्रतिपक्ष में रहने के बाद मैंने कभी ऐसा आचरण नहीं किया जिस पर अंगुली उठाई जा सके, जिस पर आपत्ति की जा सके। क्या इस सदन में अपनी बात कहने के लिए यह जरूरी है कि कुएं में कूदा जाए और स्पीकर महोदय के पास तक जाया जाए। हर सदस्य को अपनी बात कहने का मौका मिलना चाहिए और अगर मुलायम सिंह जी या श्री लालू प्रसाद यादव कोई बात कहना चाहते हैं तो उन्हें सबसे पहले मौका मिलना चाहिए। अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपके निर्देश की प्रतीक्षा करूंगा। प्रदेश में अगर प्राकृतिक आपदा आई हैं तो किस प्रदेश में कितनी आपदा आई है, कितना नुकसान हुआ है, तत्काल कितनी राहत पहुंचाने की जरूरत है, कितने स्थाई उपाय करने की आवश्यकता है, इस सबका ब्यौरा जैसा मैंने कहा कि इकट्ठा किया जा रहा है और अगर आपका निर्देश होगा तो सदन के सामने रख दिया जायेगा। मैं इस विषय पर विचार करने के लिए एक सर्वदलीय बैठक बुलाने के लिए तैयार हूं और जो पंचों की राय होगी वह मैं करने के लिए तैयार हूं।

">SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL (JALANDHAR) : Sir, I want to commend and appreciate what the hon. Prime Minister has said. I think this is an attitude which will help the House to run better. I want to thank him for that. ...(Interruptions)

SHRI SHARAD PAWAR (BARAMATI) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, regarding this calamity, the problem which was raised in the House, more importance, of course, was given to West Bengal and Orissa and that is correct also. But there are also problems in certain other States like Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. The hon. Prime Minister has given an assurance that he would collect the information and make a statement in the House. I think this Session will continue up to Tuesday. If we are able to get that statement before Tuesday, it will be appreciated. ...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : All your senior Members have spoken.

... (Interruptions)

">SHRI SANSUMA KHUNGGUR BWISWMUTHIARY (KOKRAJHAR) : Sir, I would like to add one sentence. I request you to include our worst drought affected ` Bodoland area` also in your list of natural calamity affected areas. Therefore, I request you to send a special team to the Bodoland area for an on the spot study. This is my humble request to the hon. Prime Minister and to this august House. ...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Prime Minister has heard about the serious situation. He will very shortly be making a statement on this. No further clarification is required.